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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the illiterate people throughout the country at present, age-wise;

(b) the amount of money allotted in the rural areas under the primary education especially to eradicate illiteracy in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the extent to which the literacy rate has increased or reduced in comparison to previous year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a), (b) & (c) : The literacy rate in the country is collected through the decennial census operations. According to the last census held in 2001, the illiteracy rate in the different age groups is given below:

Sl.No	Age Group	Illiteracy Rate
1.	7 +	35.16
2.	15 +	39.00
3.	15 -35	28.97

The literacy rate at present will be known only after the next census operation is conducted.
A statement indicating the funds released during the last three years under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) which is a comprehensive programme for universalizing quality elementary education is enclosed. Since the inception of SSA in 2001-02, the number of out of school children in the age group 6-14 years has declined to 75 lakhs in 2007.